

Docket No. 197311US2

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiromi OKUBO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/663,843

RCE FILED: November 8, 2004

FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING BASED ON DEGREE OF WHITE-BACKGROUND LIKELINESS



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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
 Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	33	MINUS	34	0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	7	MINUS	7	0	x \$88 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$300 =	\$0.00
					TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS	\$0.00
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SIR:

Further to the request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed November 8, 2004, and in response to the Advisory Action dated November 3, 2004 and to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.